

Cantor, Howard

From: Dunlap, Bridget
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 1:57 PM
To: McGrath, Shaun; Cantor, Howard
Cc: Kortuem, Patrice
Subject: RE: GovExec: EPA Employees Told to Stop Pooping in the Hallway

I drafted some language and sent it to Richard and Michelle for feedback and as soon as I have something for you to look at I will send you thanks. The comments on GovExec are pretty bad towards us...

<http://www.govexec.com/federal-news/fedblog/2014/06/epa-employees-told-stop-pooping-hallway/87223/?oref=voices-top>

From: McGrath, Shaun
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 1:51 PM
To: Cantor, Howard; Dunlap, Bridget
Cc: Kortuem, Patrice
Subject: Re: GovExec: EPA Employees Told to Stop Pooping in the Hallway

Please draft something, but I want to clear it before anything gets sent, including coordinating with HQ. This has gone viral on internet and they are getting a lot of calls.

From: Cantor, Howard
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 12:12:22 PM
To: Dunlap, Bridget; McGrath, Shaun
Cc: Kortuem, Patrice
Subject: Re: GovExec: EPA Employees Told to Stop Pooping in the Hallway

I would appreciate it if you (and Michelle?) could draft a note.

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From: Dunlap, Bridget
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 12:05:39 PM
To: Cantor, Howard; McGrath, Shaun
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Subject: FW: GovExec: EPA Employees Told to Stop Pooping in the Hallway

I am thinking we need you all to send out a note to RLT so they are aware...and can take employee questions on your behalf.

From: Mylott, Richard
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 11:52 AM
To: Cantor, Howard; Parker, Michelle; Kortuem, Patrice; Daniels, William; McGrath, Shaun; Smith, Paula; McClain-

Fyi. Classy article from Gov Exec...

EPA Employees Told to Stop Pooping in the Hallway

• By [Eric Katz](#)



There is a big difference between the above image and a hallway.

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Environmental Protection Agency workers have done some odd things recently.

Contractors built secret man caves in an EPA warehouse, an employee pretended to work for the CIA to get unlimited vacations and one worker even spent most of his time on the clock looking at pornography.

It appears, however, that a regional office has reached a new low: Management for Region 8 in Denver, Colo., wrote an email earlier this year to all staff in the area pleading with them to stop inappropriate bathroom behavior, including defecating in the hallway.

In the email, obtained by *Government Executive*, Deputy Regional Administrator Howard Cantor mentioned "several incidents" in the building, including clogging the toilets with paper towels and "an individual placing feces in the hallway" outside the restroom.

Confounded by what to make of this occurrence, EPA management "consulted" with workplace violence "national expert" John Nicoletti, who said that hallway feces is in fact a health and safety risk. He added the behavior was "very dangerous" and the individuals responsible would "probably escalate" their actions.

"Management is taking this situation very seriously and will take whatever actions are necessary to identify and prosecute these individuals," Cantor wrote. He asked for any employees with knowledge of the poop bandit or bandits to notify their supervisor.

EPA spokesman Richard Mylott provided the following statement:

"EPA cannot comment on ongoing personnel matters. EPA's actions in response to recent workplace issues have been deliberate and have focused on ensuring a safe work environment for our employees. Our brief consultation with Dr. Nicoletti on this matter, a resource who regularly provides our office with training and expertise on workplace issues, reflects our commitment to securing a safe workplace."